

How to Apply for the Aged and Disabled Wavier (ADW) Program

1. What is the ADW Program?

This is an in-home care program that allows staff to come into your home to assist you with your personal needs. This program is for individuals who need the same type of care provided in a nursing home but want to stay in their own home..

2. How do I begin the process to apply for this program?

You must first apply to see if you are medically eligible for this program. You can get an application called the Medical Necessity Evaluation Request (MNER) from one of the following resources and have your physician complete it:

a. Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Toll Free: 1-866-987-2372

Website: www.wvnavigate.org

b. Bureau for Senior Services

Toll Free: 1-866-767-1575

Website: www.wvseniorservices.gov

c. Bureau for Medical Services

Telephone: 304-558-1700

Website: www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms/hcbs/ADW/Pages/ADW.aspx

3. What happens after my physician completes the form?

The physician will send the form to the West Virginia Medical Institute (WVMI). An appointment will be made for a Registered Nurse to come to your home so you can participate in an evaluation. You must have substantial needs in at least 5 areas of activities of daily living in order to be medically eligible. Below are some of these activities:

a. Eating

b. Bathing

c. Dressing

d. Grooming

e. Mobility

f. Toileting

4. What services are available through this program?

You may receive services through a Traditional ADW provider who will send a staff person to your home. You may also self-direct the Homemaker Services yourself which means your employees work directly for you. Services available include:

a. Homemaker Services – an employee trained to assist you with bathing, dressing, grooming, eating, fixing your meals or other personal care needs*

b. Case Management Services – a licensed professional who helps you identify your needs and plan for your care as well as advocates for and connects you with services or resources in your community.

c. Transportation to and from services on your individual service plan*

d. Participant-Directed Goods and Services*

* Denotes services that can be self-directed

5. Once you are found to be medically eligible, you must also be financially eligible and a funded slot must be available to begin receiving services. You may be placed on a Managed Enrollment List which is a wait list if a funded slot is not available.

6. To establish financial eligibility, you may call to make an appointment at your local DHHR or walk in. You may want to call ahead of time to make sure you bring all the information that is needed.